

SENATE No. 603

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony D. Galluccio

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to equal access to higher education and generating revenue for the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Sonia Chang-Díaz	Second Suffolk
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Kenneth J. Donnelly	Fourth Middlesex
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Cynthia Stone Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk
Jennifer L. Flanagan	Worcester and Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EQUAL ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND GENERATING REVENUE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 9 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of
4 determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education,
5 except the University of Massachusetts Medical School, any individual admitted to such public
6 institutions of higher education, other than a non-immigrant alien within the meaning of
7 paragraph 15 of subsection (a) of Section 1101 of Title 8 of the United States Code, who has
8 attended high school in the commonwealth for 3 or more years and has achieved graduation from
9 a high school in the commonwealth or attained the equivalent thereof, shall be eligible to pay in-
10 state tuition rates and fees at the University of Massachusetts, or any state or community college.
11 No person qualified for in-state tuition rates and fees under this chapter shall be denied in-state
12 tuition and fees as a result of the granting of eligibility under this paragraph. An eligible
13 individual shall provide the University of Massachusetts, or the state or community college with
14 (i) a document reflecting issuance of an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) in lieu
15 of his or her social security number for such purposes as a social security number may be
16 required under federal law and (ii) a signed affidavit stating that the individual will apply for

- 17 citizenship or legal permanent residence in accordance with federal statute and federal
- 18 regulations within 120 days of eligibility for such status.